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contract there can be no recovery on the *quantum meruit*. *C. & M. E. R. Co. v. Judge*, 135 Ill. App. 377.

WITNESSES — IMPEACHMENT — EVIDENCE OF BAD CHARACTER OF DEFENDANT IN CRIMINAL CASE. — The defendant in a criminal case testified as to his actions on the day of the crime. The prosecution was then allowed to introduce evidence of the defendant's general bad character. *Held*, that the admission of the evidence is error. *People v. Hinksman*, 85 N. E. 676 (N. Y.).

Evidence of a prisoner's bad character cannot be introduced as tending to show his guilt unless the defense puts character in issue. *State v. Lapage*, 57 N. H. 245. Whether a witness may be impeached by testimony to his bad reputation is a question on which there is an irreconcilable conflict of authority. See *Merriman v. State*, 3 Lea (Tenn.) 393; *Carter v. Cavenaugh*, 1 Greene (Ia.) 171. New York allows such impeachment in the case of ordinary witnesses. *Carlson v. Winterson*, 147 N. Y. 652. It is submitted that on both principle and authority the court should not exclude evidence against a defendant witness which it would admit to impeach an ordinary one. *Lockard v. Commonwealth*, 87 Ky. 201. It is true that evidence of bad character may weigh with the jury in the determination of the prisoner's guilt. But so, in the case of a defendant charged with some form of dishonesty, may evidence of untruthfulness; and the admissibility of such evidence the court concedes. See *State v. Beal*, 68 Ind. 345. The danger should be averted, not by exclusion of the evidence, but by instructions as to its proper function, for it is fundamental that evidence admissible for one purpose is not to be rejected because it may be perverted to another. *State v. Farmer*, 84 Me. 436.

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